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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The International Ornithological Congresses have by tradition generally been held in the breeding season, and the host country has organized excursions before and after the meeting, so that visitors have been able to see something of unfamiliar birds in the field under expert guidance. In the three congresses that I have attended British ornithologists have been amongst the chief recipients of this hospitality. It is therefore with shame, as well as regret, that I find that next year's congress, at Oxford, is to be held in July, and that there is to be only one, highly specialized, excursion, so that American visitors will have no opportunity to see the ordinary English birds in the breeding season.

I should like to do what I can to make amends, and am prepared to offer hospitality, in the form of accommodation and transport, so far as my teaching and other commitments allow, to as many American ornithologists as possible. If anyone interested will write to me saying when he will be in England, I will do my best to arrange something. I shall not be available from 19 June through 3 July. My chief interests are in woodland birds.

Yours sincerely,

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